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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - NORTH KOREA

11. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Wednesday morning included plans by Japanese police to question as early as today the U.S. sailor whose credit card was found in the car of a slain taxi driver in Yokosuka on March 19 concerning his possible involvement in the murder.

12. "No More Indulgence Toward North Korea" The conservative Sankei's editorial said (4/2): "North Korea has begun criticizing and blaming South Korea. Pyongyang seems to have realized that it will no longer be able to control South Korea as it had done prior to the launch of a new government by President Lee Myung Bak.... North Korea's tough position toward the South indicates that despite its appeasement policy and repeated support and aid for Pyongyang, Seoul has failed to change the antagonistic nature of the DPRK.... Recent incidents, including North Korea's expulsion of South Korean officials from the Kaesong Industrial Park and its test-firing of missiles, demonstrate that indulging North Korea does not work. The international community should deal with the DPRK by imposing additional sanctions and readying itself to stand up to Pyongyang's intimidation."

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